GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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IRREGULARITIES AND CORRUPTION IN MCL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether some officers and staff of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. have been responsible for irregularities and corruption in contractual operation of surface miner;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Vigilance Commission or any other investigating agency has conducted any enquiry in this regard during the year 2002-2003;

(d) if so, the details thereof and outcome thereof;

(e) the number and name of officers found guilty in the above mentioned irregularities; and

(f) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A tender was floated in August 2001 for deployment of surface miners in the mines of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited. Irregularities were observed in the tendering procedures, award of work and also extension of work against the previous tender.

(c)&(d) The matter was got investigated through Chief Vigilance Officer, Coal India Limited and eight officers, viz., three General Managers, three Chief General Managers and two board level officers were found, prima-facie, involved in the irregularities.

(e)&(f) While four officers had already retired, disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against three officers and are contemplated against the other one.